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FM AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2865

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INFO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, SOPN

SUBJ: COVERAGE OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DEBATES

1. THE FORTHCOMING DEBATES BETWEEN PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WILL AROUSE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST ABROAD AND CAN HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON FOREIGN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE US. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION WILL CENTER ON THE CONTENT OF THE DEBATES AND CONSEQUENT INDICATIONS OF US POLICY BY THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION OVER THE COMING FOUR YEARS, BUT THE FORMAT, OPENNESS AND DIRECT APPEAL OF THIS UNIQUE FORM OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING WILL GIVE OTHER COUNTRIES A MUCH-NEEDED FRESH INSIGHT INTO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN THE US, WILL TEND TO RESTORE AND REBUILD CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP ROLE OF THE US AND MAY PRODUCE SALUTARY SPINOFFS FOR LOCAL POLITICAL SYSTEMS. WE HOPE THAT ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN TO LIVE TRANSMISSION TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE BY VOICE OF AMERICA AND ALSO BY ARMED FORCES RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE, WHICH IS LISTENED TO HERE, AT ANY RATE, AS MUCH AS VOA.

2. KINESCOPES FOR 16 MILLIMETER PROJECTION WILL ALSO BE VERY USEFUL FOR SELECTED AUDIENCES WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE PROCURED AND AIR POUCHES FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO LOCAL INTEREST IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AS IT PROCEEDS. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT,  
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THE KINESCOPES MUST BE RECEIVED AND PUT TO USE PRIOR TO

THE ELECTION ITSELF, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL BE MORE OF  
ACADEMIC THAN TOPICAL INTEREST.  
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